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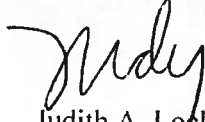
Honorable Cathy Siebel
United States District Court Judge
Federal Building and United States Courthouse
300 Quarropas Street
White Plains, NY 10601-4150

Re: Balchem Corp. v. Charles A. Nicolais - Case No. 14-9219 (CS)

Dear Judge Seibel:

This firm is local counsel to Defendant Charles Nicolais ("Mr. Nicolais") in the above-referenced action. Mr. Nicolais' lead counsel is John E. Petite with Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C., a law firm whose principal office is located in St. Louis, Missouri. I write to respectfully request leave for Mr. Petite to appear telephonically for the conference scheduled for February 19, 2015, to consider Mr. Nicolais' request to file a motion to stay this action pending the resolution of a Motion to Transfer filed by Plaintiff Balchem Corp. in an earlier filed action pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Case No. 4:14cv1936 CAS. I intend to appear in person at the conference on behalf of Mr. Nicolais.

Respectfully submitted,


Judith A. Lockhart

cc: All counsel of record (via ECF)